

MEDIA RELEASE

SWAZZLE PUPPETS AT THE LIBRARY! Free Live Puppet Show for Families

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The Santa Barbara Public Library System presents Swazzle Puppets' live show, titled "The Grasshopper and the Ants." Performed by professional puppeteers and handcrafted puppets, this lighthearted show is a comical retelling of the classic Aesop's fable and will delight young people and adults alike. This event is best for children ages four and up.

The Santa Barbara Public Library System invites families and children to a *free* performance by Swazzle Puppets on the following dates:

- Saturday, July 27 at Central Library, 10:30 a.m. (40 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara)
- Saturday, July 27 at Montecito Library, 2:00 p.m. (1469 East Valley Rd., Montecito)
- Tuesday, July 30 at Goleta Library, 10:30 a.m. (500 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta)
- Tuesday, July 30 at Carpinteria Library, 2:30 p.m. (5141 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria)
- Wednesday, July 31 at Solvang Library, 11:00 a.m. (1745 Mission Dr., Solvang)
- Wednesday, July 31 at Eastside Library, 3:30 p.m. (1102 E. Montecito St., SB)

Please arrive 15 minutes early as seating is limited. These performances are part of the annual free Summer Reading Program for children and teens. Students are encouraged to visit the library, read books, and earn prizes. The *Dig Into Reading* program for children, and the *Groundbreaking Reads* program for teens, run through July 31 at all library branches.

This program is supported by the Friends of the Libraries, non-profit volunteer organizations that financially support library programs and services. For more information, contact the Santa Barbara Central Library's Youth Services Desk at 805-564-5603, or your local branch. Visit the library system's website SBPLibrary.org to find out about this and other programs at the Santa Barbara Public Libraries. All library programs are **FREE** and open to the public.

Swazzle Puppets: www.swazzle.com

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